

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 17, 2003**

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, July 17, 2003, at 3:00 p.m., 1300 Beaubien, Room 328-A, Detroit, MI 48226.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board Members Present**

Willie E. Hampton  
Arthur Blackwell, II (ABS)  
Erminia Ramirez (ABS)  
Edgar L. Vann, Jr. (ABS)  
Megan Norris (ABS)

**Department Personnel Present**

AC Shoulders  
DC Haddad  
Insp. Jamie Fields  
Lt. Nolan  
Sgt. Debbie Jackson  
PO Reggie Crawford  
PO Ivette Reed  
Atty. Nancy Ninowski  
Civ. Kim Harris

**Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Exec. Director  
Denise R. Hooks, Atty/Supervising Investigator  
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator  
Damon Nunn, Police Commission Investigator  
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Atty. Thomas R. Zulch  
Bernice Smith  
Ms. Walters  
Mike Payne

**RECORDERS**

Jerome Adams  
Felicia Hardaway  
Kellie Williams

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Comm. Hampton** called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:25 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Comm. Hampton** stated that the minutes of Thursday, July 10, 2003, would be tabled until next week's scheduled meeting.

**3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

**Comm. Hampton** read the following Board of Police Commissioners Standing Committees:

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
STANDING COMMITTEES**

❖ **CITIZENS COMPLAINTS**

**Chair:** Ramirez

**Co-Chair:** Norris

❖ **DISCIPLINARY APPEALS**

**Chair:** Norris

**Co-Chair:** Vann

❖ **PROMOTIONAL APPEALS**

**Chair:** Vann

**Co-Chair:** Ramirez

❖ **BUDGET**

**Chair:** Norris

**Co-Chair:** Hampton

❖ **LEGAL AFFAIRS**

**Chair:** Hampton

**Co-Chair:** Blackwell

❖ **LABOR RELATIONS**

**Chair:** Hampton

**Co-Chair:** Ramirez

❖ **PERSONNEL & TRAINING**

**Chair:** Blackwell

**Co-Chair:** Ramirez

❖ **POLICY**

**Chair:** Vann

**Co-Chair:** Blackwell

\*\*The following Special Committees will be Ad Hoc: They are Residency, Building & Construction, Standardization of Discipline and the Labor Negotiations will be assigned as needed.

The motion for the SOP has been tabled until next week's scheduled meeting.

**4. REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY – EXEC. DIR. GOSS**

**CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**

	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>
<b>Weekly Count of Complaints:</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>591</b>
<b>Weekly Count of Allegations:</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,066</b>
Arrest	0	34
Demeanor	8	370
Entry	0	15
Force	3	83
Harassment	0	45
Procedure	8	344
Property	1	45
Search	0	32

Service

3

95

### Pending Cases

As of July 16, 2003, the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) has a total of **591 pending cases**, which include **149 cases** with an age of 0-45 days, **57 cases** with an age of 46-60 days, **83 cases** with an age of 61-90 days, and **95 cases** with an age of 91-120 days, **191 cases** with an age of 121 days – 6 months, and **16 cases** with an age of 7-9 months.

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During the past week: 32

Year to Date: 576

**Exec. Dir. Goss** stated that we were supposed to hear (2) two arguments, PO Michael Allen and.....

**Atty. Thomas R. Zulch** stated that is correct. His understanding is that he was to enter arguments on behalf of Police Officer Michael Allen and PO McIntyre in regards to their suspensions without pay. In addition, there were several disciplinary appeals with the understanding that we do not have a quorum and only Comm. Hampton is present. He requested that this matter be adjourned. He spoke with Atty. Nancy Ninowski from the Law Department and he did not think that she would object to that either that we come back and argue those next week.

**Comm. Hampton** answered okay next week.

### 5. CHIEF'S REPORT

## DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT MIND'N OUR BUSINESS

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### Board of Police Commissioners

*The Detroit Police Department's mission is building a safer Detroit through community partnerships. Therefore, the following enforcement actions were conducted during the week of July 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003:*

## **ORGANIZED CRIME AND GANG DIVISION**

The Conspiracy Intelligence, South-East, North-West and Vice Sections conducted six enforcement actions that resulted in (54) misdemeanor, (8) felony arrests and (46) miscellaneous ordinances. These enforcement actions resulted in the confiscation of 5,415 grams of marijuana, 41.3 grams of heroin and 37 grams of cocaine with a total street value of \$110,000.00. \$1,591.00 in U.S. currency was confiscated from these enforcement actions.

## **ELEVENTH PRECINCT**

On July 11, 2003, a complainant walked into the Eleventh Precinct to report that she had been shot. EMS was dispatched to the precinct and the complainant was conveyed to Detroit Receiving Hospital. Within a twenty-four hour period, officers of the Eleventh Precinct identified and arrested two wanted subjects. A five-count warrant was issued against both subjects for "Assault with Intent to Commit Murder, Assault with Intent to Commit Great Bodily Harm, Felonious Assault, Felony Firearm & Carrying a Concealed Weapon/Motor Vehicle."

## **ARMED ROBBERY UNIT**

On July 11, 2003, an armed robbery occurred at a Coney Island located within the Fourth Precinct. The subject armed with a blue steel automatic handgun, robbed the location of \$500.00 and four customers in the restaurant of a total of \$547.00. The subject escaped in a white Cadillac driven by an unknown person. As a result of the Armed Robbery Unit's investigation, both subjects were arrested and positively identified in a live line-up. A five-count warrant was issued against both subjects for "Assault with Intent to Commit Armed Robbery, Felon in Possession, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Felony Firearm and Habitual 2."

Chief of Police Jerry A. Oliver, Sr.

## **6. DISCIPLINARY APPEALS – APPEALS SUBCOMMITTEE**

The Disciplinary Appeals will be tabled until the next full meeting of the board.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**8. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**Bernice Smith** requested a update on a complaint filed regarding a break-in at property that she owns and has not received a response regarding this complaint.

**AC Shoulders** asked Lt. Lawrence if he had spoken to someone and found out if it was the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct?

**Lt. Lawrence** answered yes.

**AC Shoulders** asked Lt. Lawrence if the Investigator would contact her?

**Lt. Lawrence** answered yes.... (inaudible)

**Ms. Walters** stated that she read that the Coalition Against Police Brutality had been disregarded in the effort to have representation as the City Council had been given the respect due it. There are ramifications of other organizations even though it is a civic organization, coming to the table with the governmental agencies in this city. There could be fall out from such a reception by a governmental agency. She felt there should be some avenue of respect to these organizations, to allow them the thought that they are being considered and respected. She spoke in the past about reform. She stated that we are a reformed organization and the city has other reforms, which are being instituted. But no reform is complete without the participation of the community.

**Kim Harris** is a 911 operator who addressed her complaint about no lights surrounding the building downtown at Police Headquarters when they are working overtime or the midnight shift.

**Personnel Dir. Bryant-Weekes** stated that she is not aware of a request regarding the lights being out around the building. She stated that she did receive a request on some other issues from AFSCME Local 1023, but it did not have anything to do with the lights. She stated that she could look into the matter. She does not recall if she was present at the past board meeting when this issue was discussed.

**Personnel Dir. Bryant-Weekes** asked Ms. Harris if today if she was requesting lights?

**Kim Harris** stated that the lights are completely out around the building. The city has use of the mud lot until August and that is where most of the operators park. So surrounding the building, it is pitch black outside.

**AC Shoulders** asked Ms. Harris if she was referring to Headquarters?

**Kim Harris** answered yes.

**AC Shoulders** stated that the lights at this building do not shine over to the mud lot.

**Kim Harris** stated that she was fully aware of that.

**AC Shoulders** stated he would check with Facilities Management because we have officers in and out of the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct throughout the evening. He is down here and there are lights in the back of the building. AC Shoulders stated he would check with DC Goss-Andrews and find out which lights around the building.....

**Personnel Dir. Bryant-Weekes** stated that if they are DPD lights, that would be Management Services Bureau. If they are.....

**AC Shoulders** stated when Ms. Harris referred to the mud lot; he thought she was referring to lights in that area.

**Kim Harris** stated just to leave the building wherever they park, there is on lighting surrounding this building period.

**Personnel Dir. Bryant-Weekes** stated to Comm. Hampton that if they are DPD lights, then it would be Management Services. Otherwise, she would have to have them call Public Lighting and make sure that the city lights have the lights. She stated she would check on this matter.

**Comm. Hampton** asked Personnel Dir. Bryant-Weekes if she could get back to Ms. Harris regarding this matter.

**Personnel Dir. Bryant-Weekes** stated yes and that she knows Ms. Harris. She would be sure to give Ms. Harris her business card.

**PO Reggie Crawford** expressed his concerns regarding the de-policing at the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He made references to a media report concerning the rise of crime in the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He hoped that the Department would deal with officers if they are not doing their jobs and result in more suspensions.

## **9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, July 24, 2003, @ 3:00 p.m.  
Police Headquarters – Rm. 328-A  
1300 Beaubien  
Detroit, MI 48226

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

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